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1. Aprista reaction to the Peruvian government's announcement on 24 February that Haya de la Torre would be refused a safe-conduct to leave the country was one of shock and confusion. Aprista leadership had confidently expected that he would soon be allowed to leave the country.
2. It is reported that many members of APRA are beginning to feel that Haya de la Torre's policy of non-violence has been a mistake. They feel that Haya shrank from bloodshed when bloodshed was perhaps necessary, and that he imposed his idea of non-violence when violence might have assured the final triumph of the party. Now that Haya has been accused by the government of being a common criminal, the advocates of violence within the APRA are becoming convinced that they were right, and that they were mistaken in heeding Haya's admonitions to avoid the use of force. Continuing reports indicate that if the Colombian Embassy in Lima is violated and Haya is removed by force, serious Aprista violence may be expected throughout Peru.

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